Over Bridge at Alleppy Bypass in Kerala

180. SHRI V.M. SUDHEERAN : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether a proposal regarding construction of a over bridge on Alleppy bypass in Kerala is pending with the Union Government since long;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for delay in clearance of the same; and

(c) the steps being taken for early clearance of the proposal ?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) to (c) The proposal for Alleppy bypass including construction of two over bridges could not be taken up for want of adequate funds.

New National Highways in Maharashtra

181. SHRI RAM NAIK : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to declare 11 roads proposed by the Government of Maharashtra as "National Highways";

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Due to meagre allocation of funds for the Central Sector Road Programme during the 8th Plan period and continued resource crunch, it has not been possible to declare any new National Highway in the State of Maharashtra.

NHS in Andhra Pradesh

182. SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the total length of national highways in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the length of national highways as per norms of GOI;

(c) whether as per norms, the length of national highways in Andhra Pradesh is less;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether State Government had submitted proposals for upgradation of roads into national highways; and

(f) if so, the time by which these proposals are likely to be cleared ?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) The length of National Highways in Andhra Pradesh is 2888 Kms.

(b) to (d) Since National Highways are intended to serve national interests as distinct from local interests, Roads are declared as National Highways keeping in view the country as a whole and not on any regional area/population/State basis.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(f) Due to meagre allocation of funds for the Central Sector Road Programme during the 8th Plan period and continued resource crunch, it has not been possible to declare any New National Highways.

Issuance of Passport

183. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a provision to issue passports to applicants prior to police verification;

(b) if so, the circumstances under which such passports are issued prior to such police verification;

(c) whether the P.R.O. in the Passport Office is authorised to order for the issue of such a passport; and

(d) if not, the designation of the officers in the Passport Office who are authorised to sanction the issue of such a passport?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) and (b) Passports in anticipation of receipt of police verification reports are issued in cases where an applicant needs to travel urgently and has provided required documentation including a verification certificate from a prescribed authority or in cases where a police verification report is not received within the stipulated period.

(c) and (d) Passport authorities are prescribed in Schedule I to the Passport Rules 1980. This includes the Central Government officers of the level of Superintendent, P.R.O., A.P.O. and P.O. in all passport offices, certain other specified officers and any other officer designated by the Central Government from time to time.

Irrigation Potential

184. SHRIMATI MEIRA KUMAR : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the total irrigation potential created through major and medium irrigation projects during the period from 1991-92 to 1996-97 year-wise in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) the specific areas where such potential has been created alongwith the names of respective irrigation projects; State-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) Year-wise creation of irrigation potential through Major, Medium and Minor irrigation projects during 1990-92 to 1996-97 in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh is as under :

(in thousand hectares)

State	Irrigation potential created during					
	1990-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95 (Provisional)	1995-96	1996-97
Bihar	23.00	4.00	23.00	33.00	50.00	NA
U.P.	139.00	54.00	62.00	54.00	53.36	NA

(b) Details are given in the attached Statement.

Statement

Details of Districts of Bihar and Uttar Pradesh Benefitted Through Major & Medium Projects During 1991-92 to 1996-97

Sl. No.	Name of Project	Districts Benefitted
1	2	3
BIHAR		
Major Projects		
1.	Western Kosi Canal	Madhubani, Darbhanga, Samastipur
2.	Bagmati	Sitamarhi
3.	Subernarekha	Singhbhum
4.	North Koel Reservoir	Palamu, Aurangabad
5.	Durgawati Reservoir	Rohtas
6.	Barnar Reservoir	Munger
7.	Konar Diversion	Hazaribagh, Giridih
8.	Tilaiya Diversion	Hazaribagh, Nawadah
9.	Bateshwarsthan pump-phase I	Bhagalpur
10.	Bansagar	Bhojpur
11.	Ajay Barrage, Sikatia	Dumka, Deoghar
12.	Gumani Barrage	Sahibganj
13.	Dakranala Pump I	Munger
14.	Sindhwarni	Munger
15.	Masan Dam	Dumka
16.	Auranga Reservoir	Palamu
17.	Punasi Reservoir	Dumka
Medium Projects		
18.	Orni	Bhagalpur
19.	Batani	Palamu
20.	Torai	Sahibganj
21.	Kans	Ranchi
22.	Jharjhara	Singhbhum
23.	Bilasi	Bhagalpur
24.	Sonwa	Singhbhum
25.	Suru	Singhbhum
26.	Latratu Reservoir	Ranchi
27.	Bhairwa Reservoir	Hazaribagh
28.	Keso	Hazaribagh
29.	Penchkero Reservoir	Hazaribagh, Giridih
30.	Nakatai Reservoir	Singhbhum
31.	Sarangi Reservoir	Ranchi, Singhbhum
32.	Kansjore Reservoir	Gumla
33.	Ramrekha Reservoir	Gumla
34.	Upper Shankh Reservoir	Gumla
35.	Dansingh Toli Reservoir	Gumla
36.	Katari Reservoir	Gumla
37.	Malai Irrigation	Bhojpur
UTTAR PRADESH		
Major Projects		
1.	Gandak Canal	Deoria, Gorakhpur
2.	Sardasahayak	Faizabad, Barabanki, Sultanpur, Raibareily, Allahabad, Pratapgarh, Ballia, Jaunpur, Azamgarh, Lucknow, Gazipur & Varanasi
3.	Madhya Ganga Canal	Bulandsahar, Ghaziabad, Aligarh, Agra, Mathura
4.	Saryu Nahar (L/B Ghagra canal)	Bahraich, Gonda, Basti, Gorakhpur
5.	Eastern Ganga Canal	Bijnaur, Haridwar, Moradabad

1	2	3
6.	Rajghat	Lalitpur, Jalaun, Jhansi, Hamirpur
7.	Kishanpur Pump Canal	Allahabad
8.	Urmil Dam	Mahoba
9.	Sone Pump canal	Mirzapur, Sonebhadra
10.	Mandaha Dam	Hamirpur
11.	Chittorgarh Reservoir	Gonda
12.	Gyanpur Pump Canal	Mirzapur, Allahabad, Varanasi
Medium Projects		
13.	Gunta Nala Dam	Banda

Modernisation of Jetties

185. SHRI T. GOVINDAN : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government provide 50 per cent of the fund for the modernisation of jetties in Kerala;

(b) the quantum of funds released so far in this regard to various States during the last three years, Statewise; and

(c) the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During the last three years, funds released to various State Governments towards central assistance for implementation of centrally sponsored schemes in IWT sector are as mentioned below:

Year	State	Fund released (Rs. in lakhs)
1993-94	—	Nil
1994-95	Goa	20.00
1995-96	West Bengal	15.00
	Uttar Pradesh	0.18
	Kerala	32.51

(c) (i) The release to Govt. of Goa was towards expenditure incurred in implementation of centrally sponsored scheme of capital dredging of rivers Mandovi, Zuari and Mapusa in Goa.

(ii) The funds released to Govt. of UP was for the scheme of conducting hydrographic survey and techno-economic feasibility studies for navigation on river Ghagra.

(iii) Construction of 5 terminals across river Hooghly at selected sites in the project on account of which State Govt. of West Bengal received central assistance.

(iv) Funds released to Kerala are for the scheme of modernisation of passenger jetties.

[Translation]

Anti-Fertility Vaccine

186. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the places where anti-fertility vaccine is being manufactured;

(b) whether the test of this vaccine has been successful;

(c) if so, whether this vaccine has been made available to hospitals and market for common use; and

(d) the details of provision made during the Ninth Five Year Plan for manufacturing this vaccine, the names of places where this vaccine will be manufactured and the number of women to whom it would be made available ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) and (b) Out of the two anti-fertility vaccine under clinical trials, Injection Human Chorionic Gonadotrophin (HCG) vaccine for women has completed Phase I and Phase II clinical safety and efficacy trials and Injection Follicular Stimulating Hormone (FSH) vaccine for males is in Phase I human safety and clinical trial.

(c) No, Sir. The vaccines can not be made available to hospitals and market at this stage.

(d) Does not arise.

[English]

Restructuring of Defence Organisations

137. SHRI NARAYAN ATHAWALAY : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Arun Singh Committee on Defence expenditures has made a number of recommendations including the need for restructuring of the entire higher defence organisations;

(b) if so, the details of recommendations made by the Committee;

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto and the details of action taken/proposed thereon; and

(d) the reasons for delay in taking action on the recommendations ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MULAYAM SINGH YADAV) : (a) to (d) A number of recommendations